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THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS OF SEPTEMBER 22 CARRIED A PAGE TWO STORY WHICH REPORTS TWO OF THE PERSONS NAMED BY PHILIP AGEE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HAD LEFT JAMAICA. IT SAID THAT FORMER RSO JAMES HOLT HAD LEFT TWO DAYS BEFORE HE HAD BEEN PUBLICLY LISTED BY AGEE AND THAT FORMER FIRST SECRETARY ROBERT HOUDEK HAD LEFT "ABOUT A MONTH AGO". THE ARTICLE ADDED THAT HOUDEK "IS BEING" REPLACED BY DOUGLAS M. COCHRAN. THE ARTICLE THEN REITERATED AGEE'S ASSERTION THAT "ALTHOUGH HOUDEK WAS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE CIA, HE WAS THE EMBASSY OFFICIAL MOST LIKELY TO TAKE OVER CIA AFFAIRS IF THE CIA WERE FORCED TO LEAVE." IT ALSO NOTED THAT HOUDEK HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, "THE BODY WHICH GOVERNS THE CIA."
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